

RESOLUTION NO. 4892

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, OPPOSING THE LEGALIZATION OF NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

WHEREAS, we are committed to the success and positive future of our youth; and

WHEREAS, legalization of marijuana for non-medical uses is likely to result in the increase of availability of marijuana to underage users; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use by teens may lead to poorer academic performance in high school and enrollment gaps in college; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use can reduce inhibitions, lead to risky behaviors, distorted perception, impaired coordination, and can cause difficulty with thinking and problem-solving, as well as with learning and memory, especially in younger users with less life experience and decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Arizona Youth Survey,

- 2012 was the first time in Arizona's history that past 30-day use of marijuana by teens surpassed their use of cigarettes; and
- The perception of marijuana's risks by Arizona's youth - both users and non-users of marijuana - is decreasing; and

WHEREAS, we find that these are each significant risks to the youth of our community and that the legalization of non-medical marijuana may increase these risks;

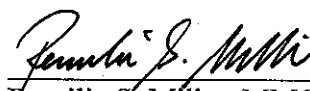
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose the legalization of non-medical marijuana; and

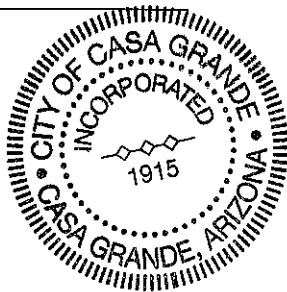
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage others to support public education on the harms of marijuana, especially to its underage users, as well as to support proven prevention interventions such as community-based drug prevention efforts, drug treatment courts, offender re-entry programs and probation reform, and drug treatment programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Casa Grande,
Arizona, this 6th day of October, 2014.

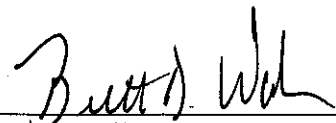

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